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TIGHTEN POLISH PORT SECURITY; EXPAND MERCHANT FLEET

SOVIET MILITARY ON POLISH COAST -- Munich, Slowo Katolickie, 10 Sep 50

It has been reported that a Soviet military staff is located in the brewers' guild home in Elblag. Soviet armored units are stationed in granaries on an island, which is out-of-bounds for civilians. Soviet and Polish uniforms are seen everywhere in Malbork. Five thousand Polish workers are working on the Elblag docks, and there are Soviet chasers and coast guard boats in the port. In Gdansk there are approximately 1,800 Germans among 200,000 Poles. The majority are employed as specialists on the docks, and some are engaged in auxiliary work in the port and in eliminating rubble. Sopot has again become a first-class sea resort. The new luxurious casino is frequented by many prominent personalities from the eastern countries. The ruble, the zloty, and the dollar are the standard of value here.

The Poles at present are especially interested in the seacoast and consequently, the Pomorze hinterland is deserted and neglected. Fortifications and restricted zones continue along the east coast of Pomorze. Kolobrzeg, 80 percent of which was destroyed during the war, is the eastern abutment of the Soviet fortification system on the Baltic. The city has lost its importance as a sea resort. Among the 10,000 Poles here, there are 600-800 Soviet scientists who are working on secret weapons. -- from the Hamburg newspaper Die Welt, No 183, 1950

DESIGN FIRE-ALARM SISTEM FOR SZCZECIN -- Gdanek-Wrzeszcz, Technika Morza 1 Wybrzeza, Sep - Oct 49

The State Bureau of Marine Construction Projects has prepared plans for a fire-alarm system for the entire Szczecin port area. The plan calls for automatic fire-signaling from 157 points and a fire-alarm telephone system. Traffic lights at railroad crossings used by the fire department will be centrally controlled in the event of fire.

Similar plans are being worked out for Gdynia and Gdansk ports.

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SIX-YEAR PLAN TO EXPAND MERCHANT MARINE -- Katowice, Dziennik Zachodni, lh Oct 50

In the next 6 years, the Polish Merchant Marine will increase its tonnage by 575,000 dead-weight tons of various-type vessels of domestic construction. Including the tonnage produced in foreign shippards, the tonnage of the Polish Merchant Marine and its carrying capacity will increase 206 percent over the present estimated 306,000 dead-weight, or more than threefold.

In 1938, the tonnage of the Polish Merchant Marine was only 157,000 tons. Under the Six-Year Plan, construction of the shipyards alone will exceed by ten times the 50,000-ton increase of the 10-year period from 1929 to 1938.

POLAND RECEIVES DANISH-BUILT SHIP -- Copenhagen, Berlingske Tidende, 14 Dec 50

The Aarhus Floating Dock (Aarhus Flydedok) delivered on 13 December the motor ship Elblag, 5,000 tons, to the Gdynia America Line. The ship is 73 meters long, and will be placed in service on the Gdynia - Antwerp route. She will carry general cargo and passengers.

LAUNCH 4 NEW SHIPS AT GDANSK -- Mannheim, Ostatnie Wiadomosci, 6 Sep 50

Four new ships built entirely by Polish workers have been launched in the Gdansk port. They are: the SS Nysa, a general cargo ship; the Dalmor III and the Dalmor IV, fishing trawlers; and the 22 Lipca, a fishing boat.

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